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Editorial

Our Mismanaged Mail

The recent nationwide strike by United Parcel Service employees wrecked havoc all over the country, forcing thousands of businesses to find alternate shipping systems—and in the process clogging express bus services with extra parcels and adding new burdens to the already sluggish U.S. Postal Service.

The situation clearly dramatized the need for a totally new approach to the problem of getting America's mail delivered.

UPS, as the Postal Service's major private competitor, has been able to offer quicker, more reliable and more damage-free service at lower cost than the Postal Service. And it has done this while paying taxes to the government and profits to its shareholders, while the Postal Service pays no taxes, receives substantial government subsidies and offers a service so undependable that oddsmakers say a letter mailed today has better than a 1 in 10 chance of not reaching its destination in three days.

Almost every American can recite his own litany of horror stories involving personal experiences with the mail: lost letters, damaged parcels, correctly-addressed items delivered to the wrong parties, postal cards which took two weeks to reach a destination less than 20 miles away, etc....ad infinitum.

Just such experiences have led many to make less frequent use of the Postal Service, depending more often on the telephone and private delivery services. In the most recent fiscal year for which figures are available, the Service handled 89.3 billion pieces of mail, which is down nearly 1 per cent from the 90.1 billion processed the previous year.

As volume drops, the Service raises its rates to cover the lost revenue and the higher rates produce a greater loss of business. And the cost of this vicious cycle has been staggering. Postal rates have risen 63 per cent since 1971 while prices of other services in the consumer price index have increased 35 per cent.

In addition, despite only a negligible increase in total mail handled since 1971, when volume was 87 billion pieces, the public now pays \$3 billion more for mail service than it did in 1971. And this doesn't take into account the extra money spent on long distance telephone calls and messenger service.

The Postal Service was created to rid the system of political patronage and to give the nation—in President Nixon's words—"fast, dependable and low-cost mail service." Seven years later, it may well have eliminated politics, but its service is slower, less dependable and far more costly than ever.

Mismanagement could be the core of the Service's problems. While other industries have automated, the mail system continues to rely on human labor to sort the mail. In fact, a major portion of the mail is still sorted as it was by Benjamin Franklin in 1775: by placing letters, one by one, in pigeonholes. And it is this sorting process, rather than deliveries, that accounts for the largest chunk of the postal budget.

Such mismanagement would not be tolerated in private enterprise. As the business lost customers, it would be forced to overhaul its operations or go out of business. This threat—and the promise of profits if the company does well—keeps managers on their toes. Unfortunately, this incentive rule doesn't apply to the Postal Service: its managers will continue to draw their healthy salaries no matter how long it takes for the mail to get through.

It may well be that the profit motive is what's required to give this country adequate mail service at a reasonable cost, as has been suggested by the President's Council on Wage and Price Stability. The Council favors allowing private companies to deliver the mail, with the Postal Service continuing to handle unprofitable operations such as rural delivery.

This proposal raises various questions regarding the control and regulation of private mail operations, but the same kinds of questions were raised about private telephone systems when they were first proposed.

The Bell System has proven that capitalism can give the country good telephone service and UPS is proving it can also give the country good parcel-delivery service. We believe it's certainly worth trying with mail service.



"It's a letter from the Postal Service ordering us to shut down for economic reasons. It was mailed 4½ months ago."

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rural electric Notebook

NUCLEAR ENERGY SAVINGS

Nuclear energy fortified its established record as the lowest cost thermal producer of electricity during the first half of 1976, accounting for estimated fuel savings of more than 5 billion gallons of oil or 27 million tons of coal, and estimated generating-cost savings of \$625 million.

The figures, based on a utility survey by the Atomic Industrial Forum, showed the actual total cost of producing one kilowatt hour with nuclear energy from January through June averaged 1.5 cents. This is 59 per cent less than the actual total cost of a KWH produced by oil - 3.6 cents, 18 per cent less than coal - 1.8 cents and 34 per cent less than oil and coal combined (when weighted by the coal and oil-fired generation) - 2.3 cents.

Total nuclear energy contributions was up by five billion net kilowatt hours over the same period of 1975 and constituted 8.3 per cent of all electricity generated in the country, according to the Federal Power Commission.

In translating the savings into dollar-and-cents figures for typical residential customers, the survey showed that Duke Power Company

consumers in North and South Carolina realized a savings of \$19.96 from the use of nuclear energy.

Meanwhile, a separate study by the National Electric Reliability Council estimated that nuclear energy will produce 11.7 per cent of the nation's electric power during 1976. It said 46.8 per cent will come from coal, 16.9 per cent from oil, 12.8 per cent from natural gas and 11.8 per cent from hydroelectric sites.

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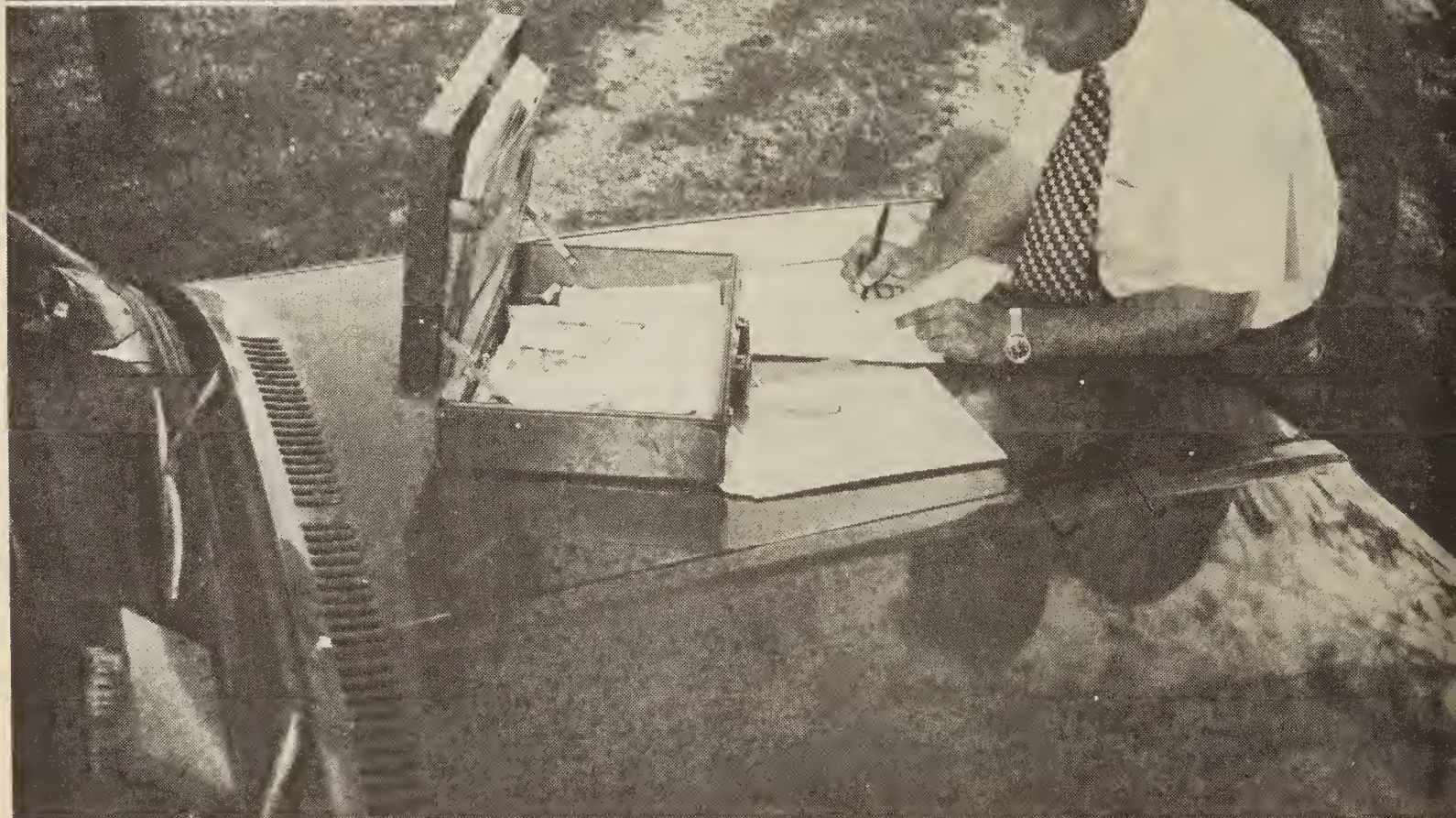
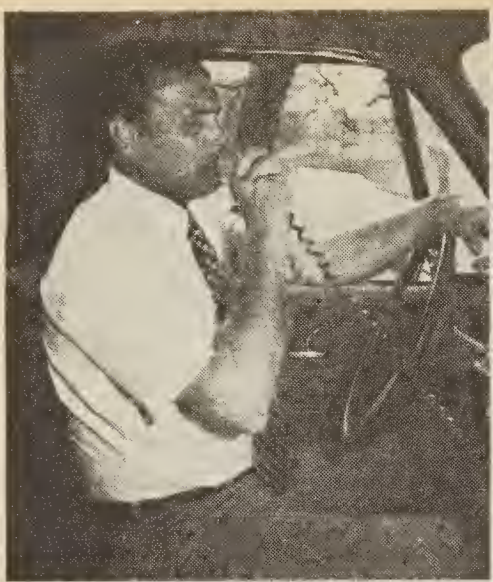


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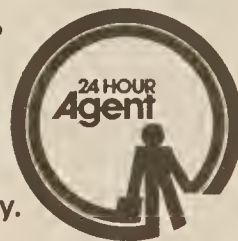
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“There are more Mercedes here than in any other county in America, I imagine,” said Bob Hull, owner and operator of Tryon’s Pine Crest Inn.

Hull, a transplanted Connecticut Yankee, is perhaps typical of the thousands of people in the Tryon area who have retired or escaped from Northern city life to the tranquility of this affluent small town with a national reputation.

They’ve left the city rat race for elegant hillside homes, and they’ve brought with them the time and money to do whatever they choose, whenever they choose to do it. The rich and famous have been coming to Tryon for decades. William

Gillette, the gay nineties Broadway actor, famous for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes, built a home in what is now Gillette Woods. Poet and scholar Sidney Lanier had a home there. And novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald lived and worked in the area while his wife Zelda was a patient in a mental institution in nearby Asheville.

Of course, not all the townsfolk are rich or famous. A sizeable portion of the county’s population are working people. Industry in the area includes textiles and a golf cart manufacturer.

But most of the newcomers are upper middle class.

Some come to the area because of the numbers of horseback riding and fox hunting clubs. Others enjoy the cultural advantages that few small towns offer: a little theatre, a concert

association, a classic film group, Tryon Painters and Sculptors and Tryon Crafts.

Located in the heart of the Thermal Belt region, Tryon is valued for its temperate climate with less snow on the average than the Piedmont or northern Coastal Plain. And summers offer warm days and cool nights.

While many come for the natural beauty of the area, relatively low taxes are an added attraction. With few schools to support, taxpayers there are generally a happy lot.

It’s a town that offers a little something for almost everyone.

Ask a Tryon resident what he thinks of the place and he’s likely to borrow a phrase from singer John Denver and the state of West Virginia: “It’s almost Heaven.”

Spencer Carter

Carolina Country Towns

Tryon



Aptly named Trade Street serves as the main business thoroughfare.

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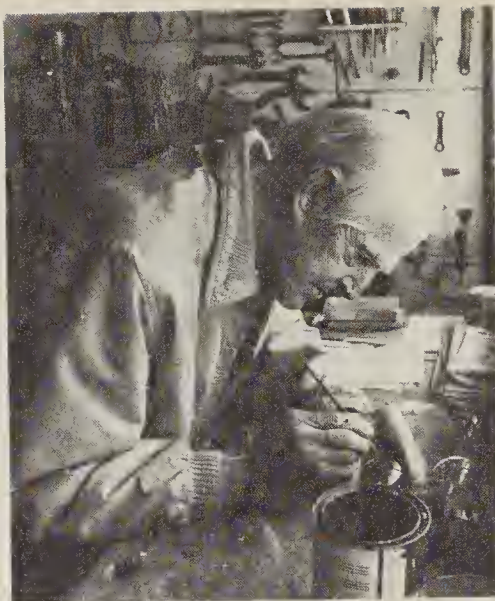


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LEFT—Toymaker Moss Guilbert is a professional descendent of a group of about 50 toymakers who had a flourishing business in Tryon from about 1915 until the Depression years. Guilbert, an MIT graduate in engineering, began making toys in Tryon in 1949. His specialty is a famous wooden rocking horse called the Tryon Horse. **FAR LEFT**—When actor William Gillette built a house in Tryon in the 1890's, he added some of the finishing touches himself. He hand carved massive wooden latches, intricate door frames and shelf brackets.



ABOVE—Lake Lanier, just below the state line in South Carolina, has been compared with Switzerland for its natural beauty. The Tea House, a restaurant with a rustic atmosphere, is a popular eating place on the lake, offering a spectacular view of Hogback, Rocky Spur and Melrose Mountains. **RIGHT**—The Karl Lohse home in Gillette Woods was built in the twenties by an artist who sold it to another artist, who in turn sold it to Lohse, also an artist. The rounded tower stairs lead to a large studio with ideal northern light on the top floor.





LEFT—Although a large percentage of Tryon's citizens are over 50, there's still room for the youngsters.

BELOW—Pearson Falls and 250 surrounding acres of land are owned and maintained by the Tryon Garden Club. The falls are named for Captain Charles Pearson, a resident engineer in charge of grading and constructing a railroad up the mountain in 1879. **BELOW**—The hunt club "Tryon Hounds" chase the fox on private land with the permission of farmers and landowners. Here the Huntsman prepares to sound a horn, "casting" the hounds with the signal. The horn can also be used to recall the dogs or to encourage them.



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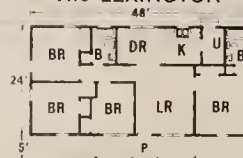
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Those processes begin in a power generating plant, which might be hundreds of miles away, but it takes only a matter of seconds for the impulses of electricity produced there to go through four separate processes to finally become the "juice" for that appliance.

The power plant itself could be of any of three types now in general use across the United States: fossil fuel, hydroelectric or nuclear.

In fossil fuel plants, coal, oil or natural gas are burned to convert water into steam. The steam is then used to drive the turbines that power the generators and produce the electricity.

In hydroelectric plants, water—falling from one level to another—spins the turbines that power the generators.

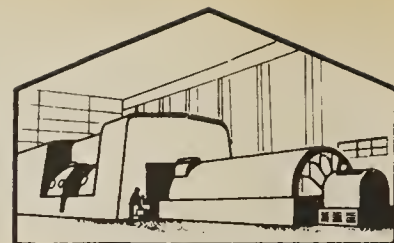
In nuclear plants, Uranium 235 is usually the energy source that creates the steam to turn the turbines.

Most of the power produced in the U.S. today is derived from fossil fuels, with coal accounting for 45 per cent; natural gas, 17 per cent; and oil, 16 per cent. About 16 per cent is derived from hydroelectric power and another 6 per cent from nuclear energy.

Whatever the source of power, once the electric energy is generated, it is transferred to a switchyard, where its voltage (electric pressure) is stepped up from about 25,000 volts to as high as 765,000 volts. It is then sent down a network of wires called transmission lines. These lines, which are supported by high towers, carry the power to a distribution substation.

At the substation, voltage is reduced for local transmission and the power is then sent out on a network of distribution lines. If any trouble develops anywhere in the distribution lines, the substation features safety devices which will shut off the electricity until the problem can be corrected and service can be restored.

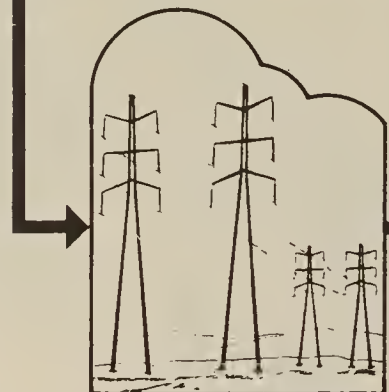
From the distribution lines, the power flows into a transformer, which may be either at ground level or overhead. This device further reduces the voltage to that required for the "juice" which is available to the consumer—for myriad uses—whenever and wherever it is needed.



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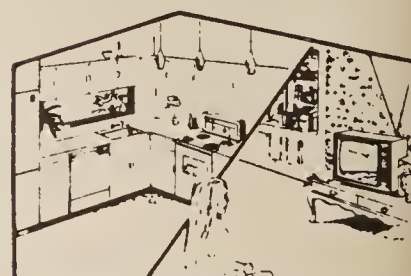
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Savings Suggestions



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What are the roots of our energy problem?

The vast reserves of coal in the United States amount to three times the energy contained in the Middle East's oil reserves, and currently account for more than 90 per cent of U.S. proved energy reserves.

Yet, over the last 75 years, the United States has switched from using coal for over 90 per cent of its energy needs to depending on oil and gas for 75 per cent of its energy.

Thus, the Nation depends upon its least abundant energy resources to provide most of its energy needs.

The result has been a growing dependence on imported energy, the availability and price of which are controlled by a few Middle East countries.

Our task between now and 1985 is to find and develop more oil and gas and stimulate conservation to offset currently dwindling production of these fuels, as our economy is converted to the more abundant resources, such as coal and nuclear power.

In the post-1985 period, our task is to develop new technologies that can dramatically expand our economically usable reserves of shale oil and uranium, and to make greater use of non-depletable resources, such as solar and geothermal energy.

How much energy will the nation consume?

Energy demand grew at a rate of 3.6 per cent in the 20 years before the 1973 embargo, and in 1975 the United States consumed about 73 quadrillion Btu (quads).

Electricity consumption grew at twice the rate of all energy demand (about 7 per cent per year).

By 1985, as a result of higher prices, energy demand will be much lower—even with economic expansion—than if historic growth rates had continued.

With a continuation of current oil prices (about \$13 per barrel in 1975 dollars), demand will be 98.9 quads in 1985—a 2.8 per cent growth rate.

Electricity will still grow about twice as fast as overall energy demand, but at reduced levels of 5.4 per cent per year.

Consumption will gradually shift from oil and gas to coal and nuclear power.

How will the nation meet its growing energy demands by 1985?

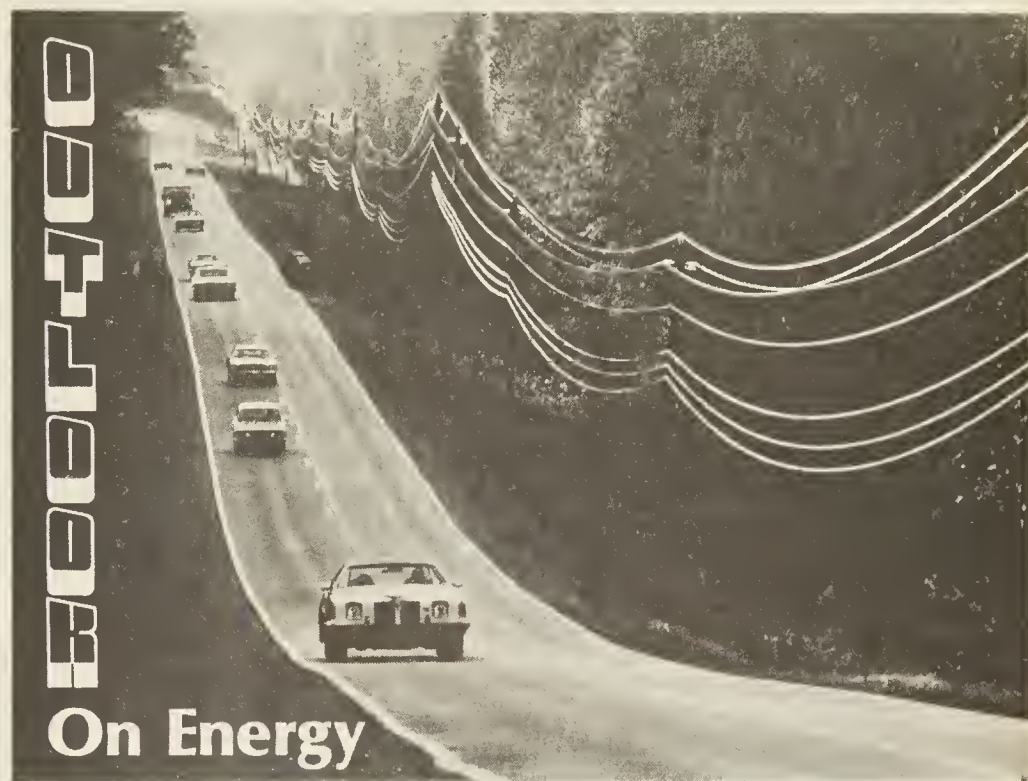
Total domestic supply is forecast to increase by 40 per cent between now and 1985, with all major fuels playing a large role:

Coal production could increase to over one billion tons, from current levels of 640 million tons.

Oil production could reach 13.9 MMB/D (including natural gas liquids), if Outer Continental Shelf leasing is

The U.S. oil and gas resources are substantially lower than had been thought, but "energy independence can still be achieved," according to a new Federal Energy Administration report on the nation's energy outlook.

Using question-and-answer format, the report focuses on key issues related energy. A portion of the report is reprinted here.



strongly pursued and market prices prevail.

Natural gas production could reach 22.3 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) if new gas prices are deregulated, but could be 17.9 Tcf under current regulations.

Although nuclear power has experienced significant delays, it could grow from current levels of 8.6 per cent to about 26 per cent of electricity generation.

Emerging technologies such as the conversion of coal into oil or gas, solar, and geothermal energy, will be important in the post-1985 period, but will not produce much energy in the next ten years.

How much energy can be saved?

Higher energy prices should significantly cut energy demand growth during the next 10 years, reducing the growth rate to 2.8 per cent from the historical rate of 3.6 per cent.

An active conservation program could further reduce energy demand by the equivalent of 3 million barrels per day, reducing the annual energy growth rate to 2.2 per cent through 1985.

Savings could be achieved in all the major sectors: residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation.

Actions which improve energy efficiency of automobiles, homes, and office buildings would have the greatest impact in the next 10 years.

What will be the sources of electricity in the future?

The use of natural gas and oil to

replaced with less expensive nuclear and coal-fired power.

Coal's use in electric generation could increase by 77 per cent in 10 years.

Electricity will represent a continually increasing share of energy in the future, rising from 28 per cent in 1974 to 37 per cent in 1990.

How much can new technologies contribute?

Solar, geothermal, and synthetic fuels will make only a small contribution to domestic energy supplies by 1985 (about 1 per cent).

The technology for these sources exists, but must be proven economically viable on a commercial scale. It will take several years to build the first full-size plants; hence a large industry will not be possible during the next 10 years.

How much will energy supply investment cost?

Energy investments in the United States will be about \$580 billion (in 1975 dollars) in the next 10 years.

While this investment seems large, it is about 30 per cent of fixed business investment, which is energy's historical share.

In certain sectors, such as utilities, large demands will be placed on the capital markets.

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Mailbox

It is my pleasure to enclose my order for a (Bob Timberlake) print for several reasons, I still have a July, 1974, copy of *Carolina Country* with a feature story on Bob Timberlake and have since that time had a great desire to meet this artist and a great hope that someday I might see or purchase some of his work. But, being a housewife and mother of two boys, it seemed quite impossible.

On vacation at High Rock Lake, I became interested in trying to find the Bob Timberlake studio. So a friend and I set out one afternoon to arrive at the studio in 15 minutes and visit with a lady mowing the yard and about a dozen or so friendly dogs of all shapes and sizes. That was a year ago. So this summer I had the urge to go back again. . . I don't know the reason God sends me back there except I feel his presence in the simplicity of the studio. I also see God's handiwork in the artist's pictures I have seen. I feel God has used this artist in a very great way and I am so happy that Mr. Timberlake is a caring and compassionate person for this cause, Youth Unlimited.

I'm also happy to see Mr. Watson is a Methodist as well as myself but more important that he is a Christian and working with youth. We as adults owe our youth far more than most of us think. They need our concern, our guidance, our love and understanding and we get a great reward in their respect. I pray that God will bless this effort and those participating. I personally am very pleased at this opportunity for a print. I only wish I could afford to buy them all.

Sue Gobble
Rt. 1, Mocksville

I am writing in reference to the article entitled "Shysters in Kentucky Sell 'Power Savers' " in your October edition. (*The article, which appeared only in the South River EMC edition, reported that bogus power-saving boxes are being sold in other states for as much as \$150 to \$200.*)

They are already at work in North Carolina. A few weeks ago, a gentleman from the Pinehurst area, who is a manufacturers' representative for the "black box," contacted me about possible usage of these devices in our cable TV system. According to him, the main purpose of the device was to eliminate voltage surges but he stressed a side benefit of power savings of 10 per cent to 30 per cent and produced letters from satisfied customers claiming such savings.

The device sold for \$145 and was filled with a dark colored epoxy to prevent anyone from seeing what was inside. All the components were housed in a standard wall outlet box. Needless to say, he did not make a sale to us. Hopefully, your article will save many unsuspecting consumers, who are anxious for any type of power saving device, from purchasing this or similar "wonder boxes."

Randall Fraley
Manager, Cablevision
Fayetteville

Thank you for your quick response in granting me permission to use the article "National Dyes—All Around You," which appeared in the January, 1976, issue of *Carolina Country*.

The film series (we are producing) is entitled "Carolina Carousel." The series is designed primarily for fourth-grade students and teachers.

To date, we have five films completed in the production. Topics for these films deal with folklore, manufacturing, agriculture, services, and recreation in North Carolina.

Currently, I am preparing materials for a teacher's guide which will accompany these films. In one sequence of the film entitled "Hand-Me-Downs" (folklore), the students will see a woman working on an old-fashioned loom. I have included "National Dyes—All Around You" by Chloe McHorney as a follow-up activity in the folklore section of the teacher's guide. I have listed a credit for Ms. McHorney and for *Carolina Country*.

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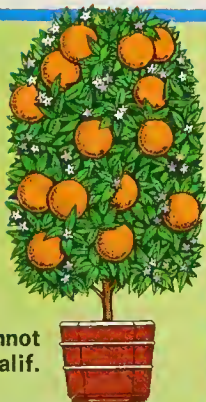
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Now is the time for all good "kitchen santas" to prepare their goodies early!

Here's something different, delicious and EASY from Juanita Greene of Deep Gap—"Fruit Nut Bread." Try wrapping up the beautiful loaf it makes in holiday bows and ribbons. It's the perfect Christmas give-away for those good friends and neighbors.

If you would like to share a recipe with this column, send it to: Country Kitchen, P. O. Box 27306, Raleigh, N. C. 27611. We pay \$5 for published recipes.

COUNTRY KITCHEN RECIPE

Submitted by Juanita Greene of Deep Gap, N. C.

FRUIT NUT BREAD

3/4 c. all-purpose flour
1 c. sugar
4 tsp. baking powder
1/2 c. water
1 c. chopped walnuts

1/2 c. mixed candied fruit
1 egg well beaten
1 T. grated lemon rind
3/4 c. evaporated milk
2 T. melted margarine

Mix first four ingredients in medium bowl. Stir in nuts and fruit. Mix remaining ingredients and one half cup water. Add to first mixture and stir just until all dry ingredients are moistened. Bake in well greased 9x5x3-inch loaf pan in 350 degree oven 60-65 minutes. Let stand ten minutes when removing from oven and then turn out on rack to cool. Wrap in foil and store in refrigerator. Keeps well one week, or may be frozen.

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Franklin's loss is Thanksgiving

As the warm smells of roasting turkey drift lazily through the air and waft tantalizingly at your nostrils, imagine for a moment that those delicious smells of a traditional Thanksgiving were instead roast eagle. What?! Roast eagle. Absurd!!

Well, if the Continental Congress had listened to Benjamin Franklin back in 1776, the only absurdity would be 200 million Americans sitting down to eat the symbol of the United States—the turkey.

The bald eagle, which has come to symbolize America by appearing on dollar bills, government stationery, all sorts of military hardware and uniforms, almost all government buildings, and over the doors of American consulates around the world, didn't emerge victorious over the turkey until 1782. That was six years after a committee made up of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams was appointed to draw up a great seal for the infant nation. (It's interesting to note that Congress didn't move any faster then than it does today.)

In August of 1776, John Adams wrote a letter home describing some of the many ideas the committee had discussed for a design to be known as "The Great Seal of the United States of America." Thomas Jefferson, as Adams tells it, proposed "Liberty, with her spear and pileus, leaning on General Washington." That was probably a good suggestion, but Mrs. Washington must not have liked it since the idea didn't go very far.

The allusion of the fight for independence to Biblical events seemed to inspire Jefferson to yet another idea. This time Adams' letter described Jefferson's proposal of "the children of Israel in the wilderness, led by a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night."

Another idea Adams attributed to Jefferson in his letter was a seal using the arms of the people that populated America, "such as English, Dutch, German, Irish, etc., each in a shield. On the one side Liberty . . . on the other a rifle. . . ." But this idea became too grandiose as the rifle became dressed in Roman Armor with a rifle in one hand and a tomahawk in the other.

At this time Franklin was proposing a seal with "Moses lifting up his wand, and dividing the Red Sea, and Pharoah in his chariot being overwhelmed with the waters." Underneath this scene he proposed the motto "Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God."

In the last paragraph of the letter, Adams told of his own idea. "I proposed . . . Hercules . . . resting on his club. Virtue pointing to her rugged mountain on one hand, and persuading him to ascend. Sloth, glancing at her flowery paths of pleasure, wantonly reclining on the ground, displaying the charms both of her eloquence and person, to seduce him into vice."

Can it be any wonder then, when Dr. Franklin wrote the following letter to Congress in 1777, that all these other suggestions were rejected as too complicated and Franklin's taken seriously.

"May I urge the approval of the turkey as the emblem of our young nation," he wrote, "The wild turkey roams the woodlands of the continent. It is a bird known to all."

It certainly was a bird known to all. Although Franklin was quite serious in suggesting the turkey as the national bird, not all the members of the Continental Congress could keep from cracking a smile at the suggestion. The debate that arose has been lost to the

history books as overshadowed by many events of the War for Independence that was being fought at the time, but the reaction to the turkey was one of comedy.

At that time, the turkey was not domesticated. It had been brought to the New World from Europe and had flourished in the wilderness. It provided food for starving pioneers, and its feathers appeared in many Indian headdresses.

But, the turkey was not considered a delicacy. It was looked upon then much like people look upon eating opossum today. The turkey was a stupid bird which overate to a point where it could only fly a few feet at a time, and when it did, would often fly right into a tree, knocking itself out and making easy pickings for hunters.

So, for most of these reasons, Congress balked at accepting the turkey as the symbol on the national seal. But Franklin persisted with his idea.

As a sort of compromise, Jefferson suggested using the dove as the national symbol, thereby alluding to the United States as a nation of peace. But this suggestion was discarded, too. After the nation was at war, and not doing too well at the time, and Jefferson's proposal might look like an act of surrender, or at least of submission.

So, the controversy continued until 1782, the turkey looking more like the choice with every day that passed. But John Adams finally solved the issue by proposing the eagle.

The eagle had been the symbol of the Roman Army, and Rome was copied by the infant nation in many ways, adding to the eagle's appeal. To Americanize the symbol, Adams suggested using the native Bald Eagle (who had probably lost all his head feathers worrying about

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whether the turkey would become the national symbol or not).

Congress was attracted to the noble, warlike image the eagle afforded, and while old Ben Franklin was making a reputation in Paris, Congress voted the eagle in. Franklin shot a letter back home on the subject.

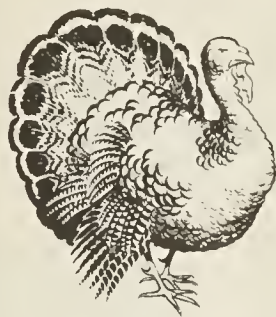
"For my own part, I wish the bad eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country; he is a bird of bad moral character; he does not get his living honestly; you may have seen him perched on some dead tree where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the labor of the fishing hawk; and, when that diligent bird has at length taken a fish and is bearing it to his nest for the support of his mate and young ones, the bald eagle pursues him and takes it from him. With all this injustice he is never in good case; but, like those among men who live by sharpening and robbing, he is generally poor, and often very lousy. Besides, he is a rank coward; the little king-bird, not bigger than a sparrow, attacks him boldly and drives him out of the district. . . . The turkey is in comparison a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America."

As if to soothe the venerable Franklin's feelings, the original eagle that appeared on the seal looked more like a turkey than the other bird, and did not get changed until 1841.

This Thanksgiving, I'll have one more thing to be thankful for—the fact that the turkey missed out and made it to my dinner table. And don't feel bad, Dr. Franklin, we were able to cook it in our electric oven because you flew that famous kite, so you were listened to . . . at least not about the turkey.

— By Larry L. Hanson

'Talking Turkey'—



N.C. Gobblers Tasty, Popular

By Bill Humphries

Gobblers have good reason to strut at Thanksgiving—or any other time of year.

Of the many meats consumed by Americans, turkey contains the highest percentage of protein. It is also lower in fat than almost any other meat except chicken.

"A pound of turkey meat, boned and roasted, contains about 33.5 per cent protein. The proportion ranges from slightly over 30 per cent for dark meat from the drumstick to 35 per cent for white breast meat from the female," said Dr. W.C. Mills, Jr., a turkey expert who is in charge of extension poultry work at North Carolina State University.

And Dr. Robert E. Cook, head of NCSU's Department of Poultry Science, described turkey as "a particularly good buy in terms of the high amount of protein and the low amount of fat it contains."

Dr. J.D. Garlich, poultry scientist with the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, said the cooked, edible portion of turkey is about 8.5 per cent or more for chuck roast and 12 to 15 per cent for the lean portion of pork loin and cooked ground chuck.

Dr. Cook said turkey is available to consumers in many convenient cutup forms such as thighs, breasts and drumsticks. Many retail stores even carry a relatively new item, turkey steak, made from meat removed from thighs.

"Turkey is now a year-round food. Per capita consumption has climbed above nine pounds a year, and I believe we will continue to see a steady increase," Dr. Cook added.

North Carolina's turkey industry has been expanding since the late 1940s and the current growth rate is well ahead of that for the nation.

Tar Heel producers raised nearly 15 million birds last year, a total exceeded in only two states, Minnesota and California.

Over half of the state's turkeys are now raised in confinement rather than on range. Their diet consists mainly of corn—or sometimes wheat, depending on relative price—supplemented with high-protein soybean meal.

Thus far in 1976, North Carolina has been running ahead of California and is expected to end the year as the nation's No. 2 state in turkey production.

"I think we will experience continued growth in our turkey industry," Dr. Cook said. "We have the resources needed and we have people with the desire to produce turkeys."

He added that cost factors are favorable for continued expansion of turkey output in the Southeast. He said this was confirmed by a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture survey conducted in cooperation with agricultural experiment stations in several states.

There are five turkey processing plants in North Carolina. Birds from the Tar Heel state are sold all over the eastern part of the country.

Bill Humphries is food and agriculture news editor of the North Carolina State University Department of Agricultural Information.

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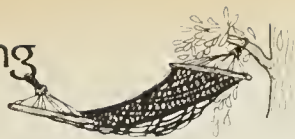
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Use a large serving tray or pizza
pan as an outline, and the following
recipe to make the cheery popcorn
wreath.

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Starts unsalted popped popcorn*

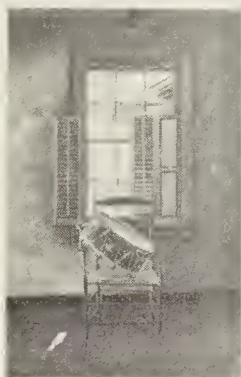
1 cup sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup water
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 cup colored hard candy balls
1 ribbon bow, if desired

In order to form Christmas Wreath,
cover surface of a 14-inch pizza pan or
tray with a circle 14 inches in diameter and 4
inches wide on a sheet of heavy
brown paper; butter paper outline. Place
popcorn in a large buttered bowl.
Combine sugar, syrup, butter or
margarine, water and salt in a small
saucepan. Bring mixture to boiling point
over low heat stirring until sugar melts.
Continue cooking until mixture reaches
290-300 degrees, or the soft crack stage
on candy thermometer. Pour in a fine
stream over popcorn; stir until popcorn
is evenly coated. Pile popcorn unevenly
around edge of buttered 14-inch pizza
pan wreath pan, leaving a 7 1/2-inch hole
in center, to form a wreath. Decorate
with clusters of colored hard candy balls
and ribbon bow, if desired. Yield: One 14-
inch wreath.

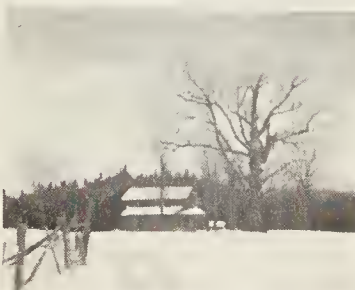
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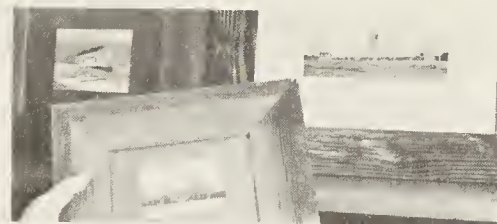
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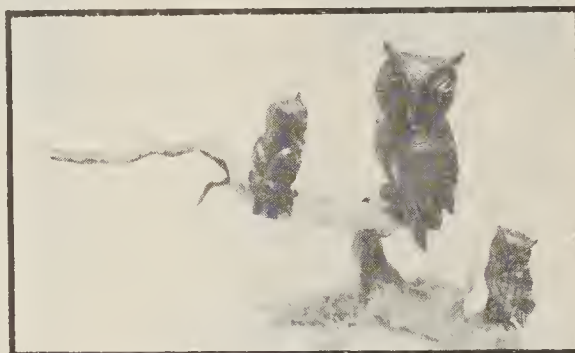
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ABOVE—Funderburk refused a \$350 offer for this walnut bear. **RIGHT**—“Mama” Owl’s feathers required hours of tedious carving.



If he’s not carrying out his pastoral duties for the Mt. Harmony Baptist Church in the Mecklenburg County community of Matthews, chances are the Reverend Lawrence Funderburk has a knife in his hand, whittling out of wood the likenesses of just about everything in creation.

In eight years his talented hands has turned out everything from pinkie-size pairs of shoes to imaginative barnyard scenes. A sheet on the floor of his den catches the walnut, cedar, butternut, buckeye and rosewood shavings. A big-handled carving knife and a sander are the basic tools that sometimes stay busy until one or two in the morning.

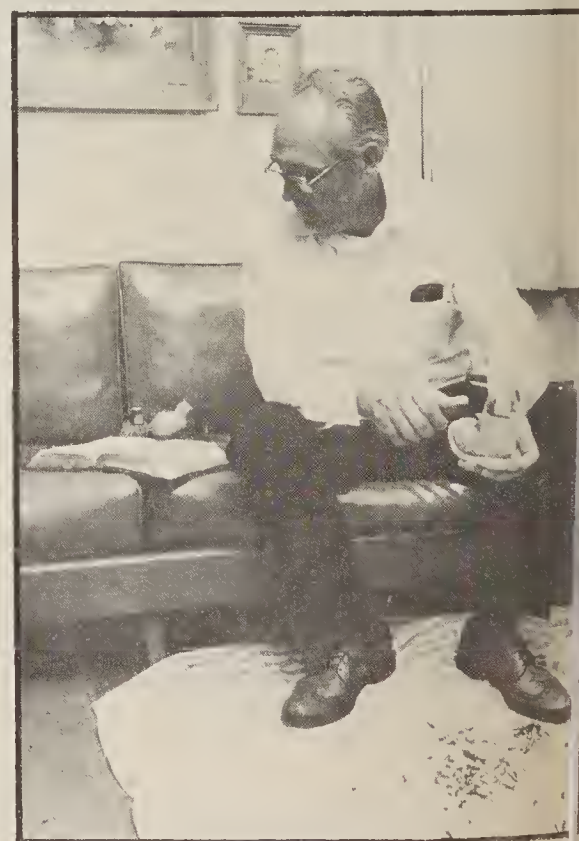
Studying the scriptures while he carves, the minister says the process “kind of rests my mind.”

Patterns for some of his work come from fellow woodcarvers, especially his friend W. R. Cowder in Gatlinburg, an 80-year-old man who gives Funderburk raw wood in trade for the toy wooden shoes the pastor creates. The Cowder

THE PREACHER



ABOVE—These toy mice have found a home in one of the minister’s butternut shoes. **RIGHT**—The Reverend Lawrence Funderburk at work.



family operates a crafts shop in Gatlinburg, where the minister's shoes are among the items sold. Other patterns come from Funderburk's imagination. One such creation is a hog-killing scene. The hog is carved from white holly wood, the liver is walnut, the lungs are cedar and the rest is butternut. Using the right wood gives appropriate life-like colors when finished, the carver points out.

Funderburk cuts out rough shapes with a power saw and then goes to work with his knife and sander. And he knows beforehand exactly what the finished product will look like.

"You've got to see the image coming out of the wood," he says. "You've got to be patient too. A tiny pair of shoes takes 45 minutes to an hour to carve and a large walnut bear could require more than 80 hours.

Funderburk has carved thousands of items through the years, trying to make each one a little better than the last, making

the proportions better, getting in more lifelike detail, studying the muscle and bone structure of the animals he carves.

Now retirement is just a few years away and the minister plans to become a full-time woodcarver when he leaves the parsonage. He hopes to have 2,000 pairs of miniature wooden shoes on hand when that time comes. The shoes will help stock a crafts shop planned for Hemby Bridge, his home. Funderburk's wife Mable will run the shop while he stays busy carving.

Funderburk has had offers to work as a woodcarver full time, earning far more money than he does as a minister. But his dedication is to his church and to the people he serves.

The Scriptures say "To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven." For now, the Reverend's time and purpose are for the church. The joy of fulltime woodcarving must take second place until another season.

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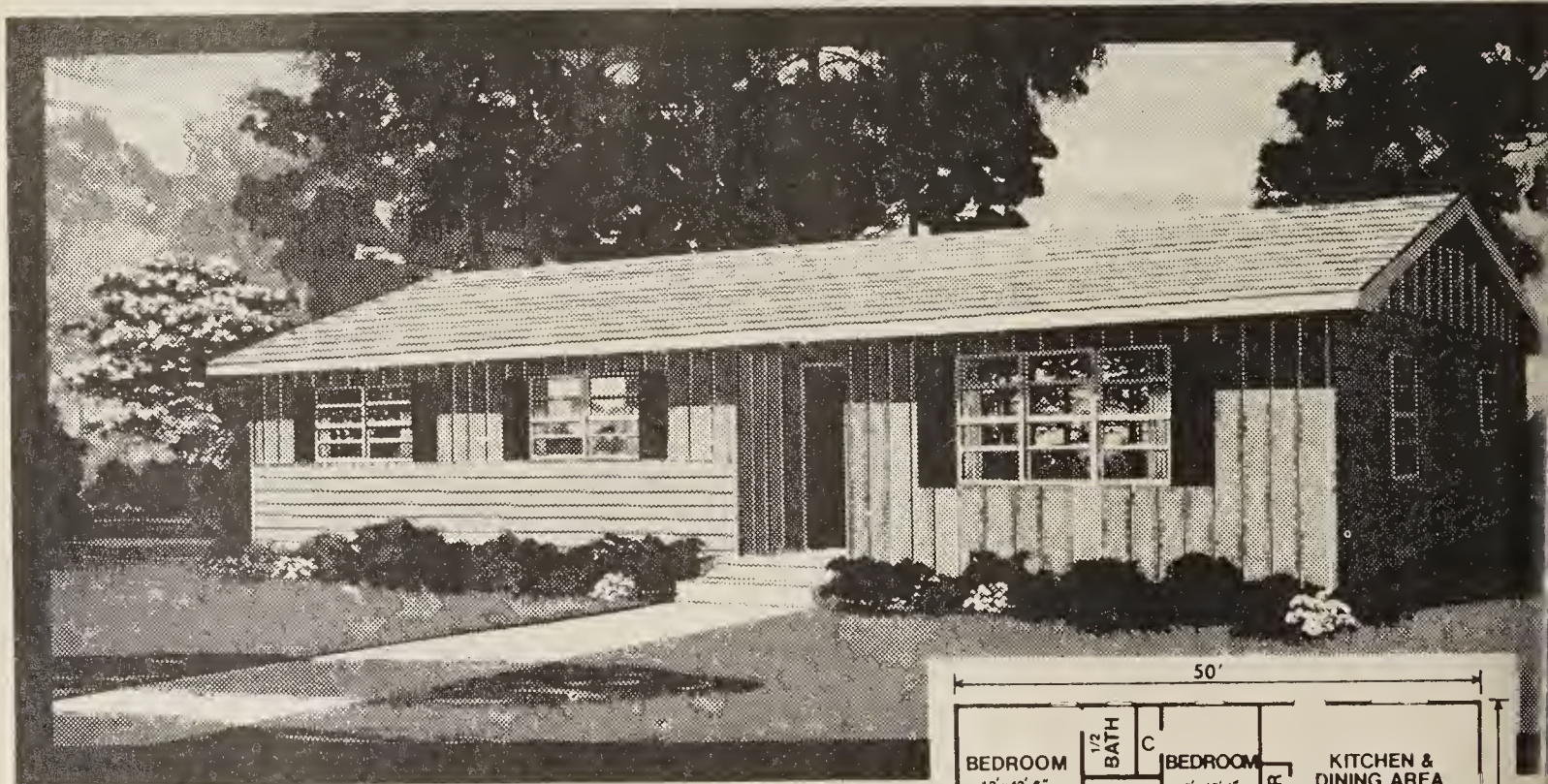
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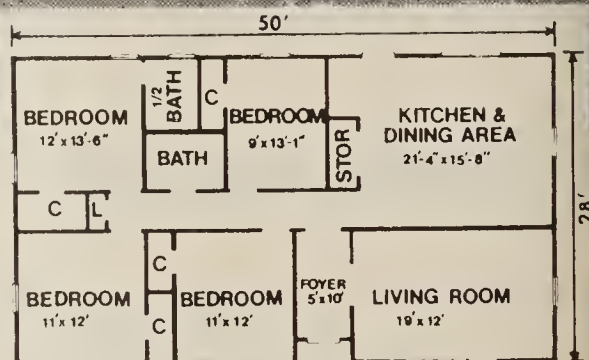
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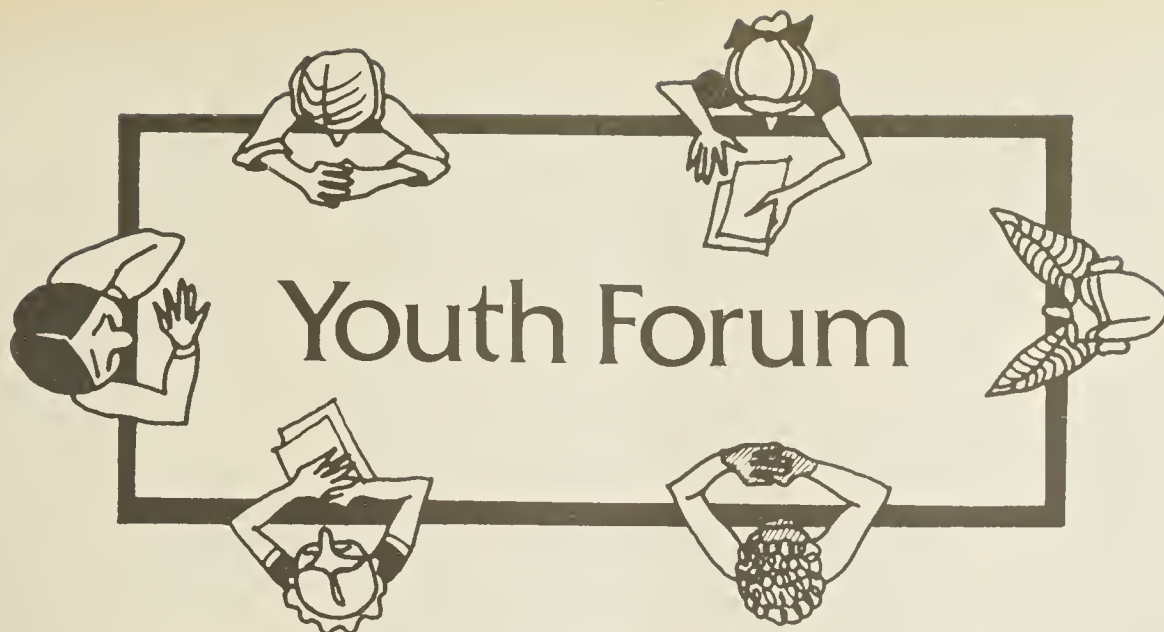
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Barbara McPhail
Clinton

Barbara is 17 and a senior at Lakewood High School. Her hobbies include basketball, softball, flag football, writing poetry, drawing and playing drums in the school band. Her grandfather, Freddie McPhail, is served by South River EMC.

"One thing we can do to improve our community is to get all the youth together from the area and start cleaning. When the adults see the youth so hard at work cleaning, maybe the adults will feel ashamed for their negligence and start helping to do things, also. If everyone will pitch in and do their part the communities will be in much better shape. Youth can even earn money in this improvement program by collecting beer cans and drink bottles and selling them."

Cherie White
Lenoir

A sophomore at Hilbritten High School, Cherie's hobbies are reading, watching sports and playing with small children. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. White, are served by Blue Ridge EMC.

"Teenagers can improve their community by joining youth groups, having "Clean Up Days" and by planting pretty flowers in their yards. I feel that teenagers should also visit the elderly citizens in their community and offer to help them any way they can. I think that even a smile at someone, instead of a frown, is a big improvement to any community."

Tammy Sullivan
Lansing

A sixth grade student at Lansing Elementary School, Tammy's hobbies are playing the piano and the clarinet. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sullivan, are members of Blue Ridge EMC.

"Community organization is a very valuable aspect in helping your community. Form one group to collect trash up and down the sides of the road. Form another group to cut elderly people's grass, clean their yards and paint their houses when needed. It is also important to provide several activities or recreation for people of all ages. Get everyone in the community involved in a group. Most important, teach people to care for their things and for other people's things."

Carolyn Creech
Raleigh

Carolyn is 14 and a freshman at East Cary Junior High School. Her hobbies are water skiing and swimming at Lake Gaston, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Vernon Creech, Jr., are served by Halifax EMC.

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The U.S. Bicentennial observance is heightening people's interest in our nation's history. It's also stimulating many to learn more about their ancestors. For, as you learn more about who your ancestors were, where they lived and how, you are studying the history of your country.

As a result, "family tree climbing," or genealogy, is rapidly becoming a popular pastime. This article is the first in a series

outlining some of the things you should know if you're starting to search your family tree.

It was prepared for *Carolina Country* by Dick Pence, a former editor of the magazine who is now publications coordinator for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He has been an amateur genealogist for several years.



Searching Your Family Tree

Getting Started

By Dick Pence

One of the difficult aspects of genealogy—at least for me—is trying to explain to friends why a grown man should spend countless hours in a musty library or chasing around the country copying inscriptions from tombstones in overgrown cemeteries. That sort of avocation, they think, is reserved for matronly ladies who want to join patriotic societies.

There are, of course, many who search their family trees for that reason alone. But genealogy is much more. It is a human history of our nation's growth and a puzzle infinitely more challenging than the crossword in the Sunday *New York Times*.

If you enjoy solving a mystery or are fascinated by the early history of our country, then genealogy may be the hobby for you.

But where do you start?

The best place is right at home.

Searching at Home

The first thing you should do is write down all you know about your family, starting with yourself and your parents and working backward to your grandparents, great-grandparents and so on. You should include dates of births, marriages, deaths, places of residence and other information, such as occupation or military service.

When you get stuck, figure out who in your family might know the answer. In fact, you should try to interview or write your older relatives as a first order of business. If you're lucky, you may find out much of what you want to know about a particular branch of your family.

For instance, early in my research I visited a great-aunt who supposedly had kept some family records. I didn't really expect the treasure I found. Among the things she had: my great-great-great-grandfather's family Bible—complete with vital statistics for three generations—which had made its way from Massachusetts to a homestead in South Dakota nearly 100 years ago; a family photo album with pictures that predated the Civil War and which contained pictures of four of my great-great-great-grandparents; and old newspaper clippings, letters and notes which provided additional information and clues. This kind of a bonanza can save years of research.

There are a couple of things to keep in mind when interviewing or writing your relatives for information:

First, try to make your questions specific. If you do, you'll have a better chance of getting an answer that's helpful. If you simply ask about early family recollections, your correspondent is likely to reply that little can be remembered. Ask about specific people, specific times or places.

An example: I once wrote a great-uncle, asking him for any information he might have on his ancestors. He answered, saying he didn't remember anything. I then wrote and asked him if he knew where his father had lived in 1870. Jackpot! His return letter not only solved that mystery, but also included colorful stories about great-grandfather's days as a cowboy in Texas and Kansas, stories told at bedtime when my great-uncle was a boy.

Secondly, you should treat family traditions (like the one above) with a

certain amount of healthy skepticism. These stories—often embellished from generation to generation—are great clues for further research, but they shouldn't be accepted as the truth until they can be documented.

There are some traditions that seem to pop up in nearly every family. If you encounter one of these, don't disregard it—but be careful how you use it.

Traditions

Here are some of the more common "traditions" that will surface in one or more branches of your family:

•**"The Three Brothers"**: Invariably you will come across the belief that the founders of a particular family in the country were "three brothers, who came here at an early date." A common variation is that "one remained in New England, one went south and one went west." This tradition reflects the desire of an individual to believe that everyone with the same last name is somehow related. The "three brothers" theory neatly explains why there are families with that name throughout the country whose relationships can't be established. Most genealogists disregard this theory unless there is evidence that dictates a closer look.

•**"We're Related to Nobility"**: This tradition also is common but often isn't true. Variations include a lost dukedom, riches or a castle in some foreign land. Unscrupulous promoters have played upon the desire for wealth or status by convincing people to contribute toward a fund seeking to restore a lost fortune or property to its "rightful heirs"—usually everybody with the same last name as some rich or famous person.

The strange thing about these con-
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Aunt Bessie" that she's being taken, the
more she is convinced that there's a giant
conspiracy aimed at depriving her and
er relatives of their just inheritance.

If it does turn out that you have an
nglish lord as an ancestor or that you
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om the same stock, then you have an
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mily. (When you consider that in just 12
enerations—less than 300 years—an
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obably can find such a connection.)
ut you should never forget that for
ery nobleman in most family trees,
ere are perhaps several dozen
cestors who came to this country as
dentured servants.

Association With Famous
People: You often will hear of some
cestor's association with famous
ople or events. Stories like these may
ve some foundation, but they often are
possible to document. However, if the
fts seem to fit you'll want to continue
earching the tradition.

As a small boy, for instance, I read a
native's account of how our ancestor
soposely had spent a winter in an
lian "wickiup" (teepee) and was later
confronted by its owner, Blackhawk, the
famous chief. The story was worth more
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was known to be in that area of
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th was one of things that led up to the
Bckhawk Indian War.

inally, about two years ago, a
espondent sent me a copy of an eye-
witness account of the event—and our
arrestor was specifically mentioned as
the intruder. Thus a family tradition led
to the eventual documentation of an
arrestor's participation in an interesting
hical event.

here have been other traditions,
naturally, that have never proved out.

Keeping the Lines Straight: There
ar other common problems with family
tritions you should watch for. Some
examples: An incident often will be
credited to one side of the family when in
fact it happened to another side. You
may hear that your grandfather's
paternal grandfather did a certain thing
and later your research will turn up the
fact that it was actually your
grandfather's maternal grandfather. Or,
something supposedly happened to your
great-grandfather actually happened to
his father or grandfather.

stakes about national origin also
can confuse a family's history. In days
past certain nationalities were
considered "good" and others "bad,"
depending on the era and locality. Your
great-grandmother may have denied a

particular nationality because it was "the
thing to do" in her day. Consequently,
your grandmother might pass on to you
what she believes to be the truth; in
reality, though, great-grandmother
"withheld evidence."

•**The "Silent Treatment":** Don't be
surprised if this happens to you while
you're interviewing Aunt Bessie: She has
displayed a remarkable memory about
the family tree, complete with names,
dates and places. But—suddenly—when
you ask her about a particular ancestor,
she can't remember a thing. That's a sure
sign you've found a family
"blacksheep"—we all have them!—
someone whom nobody wants to talk
about. You'll probably have to rely on

other sources to find out about this
ancestor—but he (or she) may turn out
to be more interesting than many of the
others!

Above all, when you're interviewing
your relatives about their family
recollections, be sure to take accurate
notes. If you don't you'll find your
memory playing tricks on you. You'll
make the mistake of leaving out a
generation or getting confused about
which ancestor did what or lived where.

After you've gathered all you can from
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Poet's Corner



"I have been writing poetry for about four years now," says Dale Chatham. A 15-year-old tenth grader at Mooresville Senior High School, Chatham adds, "It is sorta like a hobby." Listen to the rhythmic rendition of this parade-marching band:

The Big Band

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! go the
Drums, drums, drums
As the band comes
marching along—
ROO—TO—TO TOOT goes the
little toy flute of the girl
As she marches along—
There are drums and flutes
And trumpets with mutes
In the band as it marches along.
STOMP! STOMP! STOMP! go the
Feet, feet, feet
Of the people as they
march along—
And out of our town goes the
Sound, sound, sound
Of the drums and the flutes
And the trumpets with mutes
And the beat, beat, beat
Of the rhythmical feet
Of the band as it marches along.

Helen Whitaker of Mt. Airy describes herself as "a housewife with four children, a husband, lots of sewing and quite a teaser." She likes to make people smile, "so if I can share a word or verse with someone to help clear a gloomy day, then I'm willing." She says that most of her poems start out on an old envelope or paper bag, ("I can't get it together on a clean sheet of paper"). Here's one that she did get together:

Come On In

Come into our home,
it's humble you see
It's not a mansion or never will be.
I don't need a mansion
with fineries around
But people with their feet
on the ground.
You may come when it's dirty
or even clean
Probably dust on things will be seen.
Slip off your shoes,
take it easy a spell
Don't mind manners,
just let them sail.
Manners are for people
with nothing to do
Being something they aren't,
but that's nothing new.
So come on in, it's alright with me
If you don't want coffee or milk,
we'll have tea.
Just be yourself that's all I ask
Cause being something I ain't
is a task!
You be you and I'll be me
We'll get along fine
I think you'll agree.

WHITTLIN'S

•The 1976 Yearbook of Agriculture, titled *The Face of Rural America*, has just been published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The 284-page hardcover book of a

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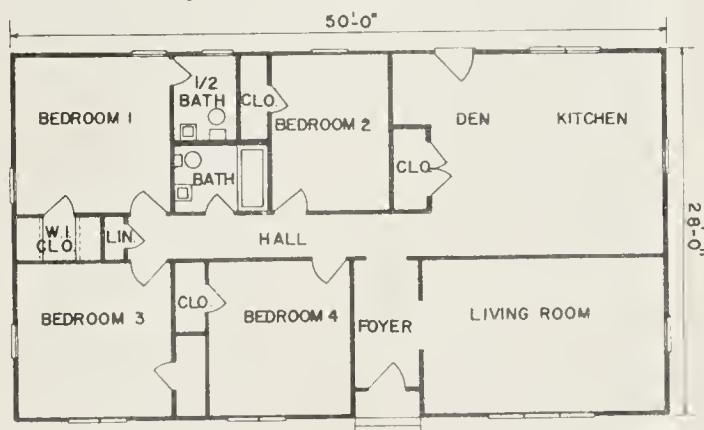
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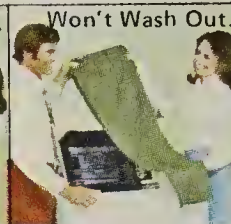
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